

Item: RESO 08-87
Fiscal Impact: \$0 exhibit cost
(exhibit value to be covered by WVC insurance \$10,600)
Funding Source: _____
Account #: _____
Budget Opening Required: No

ISSUE:

The Utah Cultural Celebration Center gallery is planning to host an exhibit of paintings entitled “Painting Faces on War; Brave Heart of the Lost Boys and Girls of Sudan”. The exhibit will run from March 14 through April 30, 2008. The works were created by Sudanese artists who have been re-settled in the United States, or are currently living in refugee camps. The collection expresses the difficult life experience of the artists and their hopes for a brighter future. The agreement between West Valley City and the artist is being submitted for Council review and approval.

SYNOPSIS:

The exhibition consists of 28 paintings. There is no exhibition fee. The total value of the exhibition is approximately \$10,600., which will be insured under coverage limits established by the current URMMA policy with a \$1,000 deductible. This exhibit will hang in the UCCC’s upstairs corridor, as a secondary exhibit during the larger photo documentary exhibit by Meridian International entitled “Sudan: The Land and the People”. A public reception will be held on Friday, March 14th from 6-9pm. Journalist, Victoria Butler, (wife of former US Ambassador to Sudan, Timothy Carney) will be attending the opening.

BACKGROUND:

Atem Aleu approached the UCCC about hosting an exhibition of works from the workshops of his non-profit organization, the African Refugee Artist Club. Since these works were created by Sudanese artists, UCCC staff felt the refugee art exhibit was an appropriate compliment to the larger photo exhibit. Two full days of ARTrageous Tuesday educational programs are scheduled with over 400 students booked to participate. Important partnerships related to this program series include the Utah Council for Citizen Diplomacy, Middle East Center at BYU, ZAP, and the Utah Arts Council Arts in Education program.

RECOMMENDATION:

The UCCC staff recommends the City Council pass the resolution.